

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF REGULATION COMMITTEE**

February 26, 2003
Fifth Floor
Board Room 1

Department of Health Professions
6603 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Regulation Committee of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 1:10 PM.

PRESIDING: Sonny Currin, Board Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael J. Ayotte
Michelle Easton
Willie Brown
Bobby Ison

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Scott Russell, Executive Director
Ralph A. Orr, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine J. Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Howard M. Casway, Assistant Attorney General

HB1792 Ms. Russell informed the committee of a floor amendment made by the Senate to HB1792 which, as amended, would require the board to suspend a pharmacist license when the pharmacist is found to be in default or delinquent in the payment of a federal- or state-guaranteed educational loan or work-conditional scholarship. This would place the board in the position of litigating a civil matter by determining debts, ordering payments and deciding suspension for non-payment, and the board has no mechanism for recovery of costs. Mr. Ayotte moved and the committee voted unanimously to request the Director of the Department of Health Professions to ask the Governor to have the bill restored to its original wording with responsibility for enforcement on circuit courts or, failing that, to veto the bill.

DRAFT PROPOSED REGULATIONS The committee continued drafting proposed regulations.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting date will be March 24, 2003 at 9 AM.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Elizabeth Scott Russell, Executive Director

Sonny Currin, Board Chair

Date